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DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

Hampden, ss

Civil Action No. 04 30172 KPN

ROBERT DADE,

Plaintiff

v.

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BOLAND BUILDERS, INC., THOMAS BOLAND, STUART HONES and MARY ROSE JONES,

Defendants

DEPOSITION OF: ROBERT DADE, taken before MYREL J. WILLIAMS, Notary Public and Court Reporter, pursuant to the applicable Massachusetts Rules of Civil Procedure, at the LAW OFFICES OF ROBINSON DONOVAN, P.C., 1500 Main Street, Springfield, Massachusetts, on January 20, 2006.

Myrel J. Williams Certified Shorthand Reporter -1393S95

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***By Mr. Cvejanovich
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It is agreed by and between the parties that
all objections, except objections as to the form
the questions, and all motions to strike
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STIPULATIONS

6 unresponsive answers are reserved and may be 7 raised at the time of trial for the first time.

It is further agreed by and between the

9 parties that the sealing, and the notification to 10 all parties of the receipt of the original

11 deposition transcript is hereby waived.

ROBERT DADE, Deponent, having first the been duly sworn and identified, deposes and

15 states as follows:

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MS. PELLETIER: Before we begin the deposition, for the record, we were advised by plaintiff's counsel that he has no form of identification whatsoever on him. He left his driver's license at home and his wallet is not on him either. Plaintiff's counsel has just met him for the first time today so cannot attest to the fact he is, in fact, the

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        plaintiff in this case.
                                                                    Q.
                                                           1
                                                                           That wasn't my question. Did you
  2
                  We have agreed we will proceed with
                                                           2 review any documents?
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        the deposition and the plaintiff will provide
                                                                    A.
                                                                           Excuse me?
        counsel with a colored copy of his driver's
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                                                                           Did you review any documents? I'm
                                                                    Q.
        license, which he will present to Mr. Rider
  5
                                                           5 not asking if you were asked to bring any.
        and myself as well as the stenographer so
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        there can be verification that the person
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                                                           7
                                                                    Q.
                                                                           Other than counsel, did you speak to
        being deposed is the plaintiff. Is that
  8
                                                           8 anybody?
        accurate?
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                                                                    Α.
                                                                           No.
 10
                 MR. CVEJANOVICH: That's accurate.
                                                                           Did you tell your employer you were
                                                                    Q.
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                 MR. RIDER: Fine.
 11
                                                          11 coming to be deposed today?
                  (By Ms. Pelletier) Can you state
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                                                          12
                                                                    Α.
                                                                           Yes.
 13 your name and present residential address,
                                                                           What did you tell your or employer?
                                                          13
                                                                    Q.
 14 please?
                                                          14
                                                                    A.
                                                                           I was coming up here for a
 15
                 Roger J. Dade, 43 Riving Street,
                                                          15 deposition.
 16 Bristol, Connecticut.
                                                          16
                                                                    Q.
                                                                           Did you tell him what it was about?
                 Are you presently employed?
 17
          Q.
                                                          17
                                                                    Α.
                                                                           Yes.
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          A.
                 Yes, I am.
                                                          18
                                                                    Q.
                                                                           What did you tell him?
                 Were are you employed?
19
          Q.
                                                          19
                                                                   Α.
                                                                           It was for an accident when I fell
20
                 J.C. Tonnotte out of Southington.
                                                          20 through a roof.
                 Can you spell the last name?
21
                                                                   Q.
                                                                           Did you tell him the details of the
          A.
                 T-O-N-N-O-T-T-E.
22
                                                          22 accident?
                 How long have you been employed by
23
                                                                           Yes, I did. I told him the builder
24 J.C. Tonnotte?
                                                          24 covered holes he cut out with paper and left
 1
                 14 months now.
                                                          1 traps and I walked across and fell through it.
 2
                 What is J.C. Tonnotte?
          Q.
                                                          2
                                                                   Q.
                                                                          When did you tell him that?
 3
                 A window company.
                                                          3
                                                                   A.
                                                                          Excuse me?
                Installation?
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          Q.
                                                                          When did you tell him that?
                                                                   Q.
 5
                 Yes.
                                                                   Α.
                                                                          When, I think a couple months after
 6
          0.
                 How far did you go in school?
                                                          6 I was working for him.
 7
                 Eleventh grade.
                                                                   Q.
                                                                          What prompted you to have this
                 Did you have any formal education
                                                          8 conversation?
9 after that?
                                                                          I think we were talking about things
                                                                   Α.
10
         Α.
                No.
                                                          10 about safety and how unsafe it is to cover holes
11
         Q.
                What is your date of birth?
                                                         11 on a roof and this and that. I can't remember
                7/12/67.
12
                                                         12 the exact details.
                Your social security number?
13
                                                         13
                                                                          How did that subject come up?
                                                                   Q.
                044-72-2226.
14
         Α.
                                                         14
                                                                          I don't recall.
                                                                   Α.
15
                Have you had any formal training in
                                                                          What is the name of the individual
                                                         15
                                                                   Q.
16 any trade since you graduated from high school?
                                                         16 you had this conversation with?
         Α.
17
                                                         17
                                                                   Α.
                                                                          Mr. Tonnotte.
18
         Q.
                What did you do in order to prepare
                                                         18
                                                                   Q.
                                                                          What's his first name?
19 for this deposition?
                                                         19
                                                                  Α.
         A.
                What did I do to prepare for this?
20
                                                         20
                                                                          Did you know Mr. Tonnotte before you
                                                                  Q.
         0.
                Um-hum.
21
                                                         21 began working there?
         A.
                Nothing.
22
                                                         22
                                                                  A.
                Did you review any documents?
23
         Q.
                                                         23
                                                                  Q.
                                                                          Did you tell anybody else who worked
         Α.
                Wasn't asked to bring anv, no.
24
                                                         24 at J.C. Tonnotte about this incident?
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1	A. Everybody.		Α.	I don't recall.	
2	Q. Who is everybody?	1	Q.	What did Nick say?	
3	A. Everybody employed by J.C. Tonnotte.	1.7	Α.	I don't recall.	
4	Q. Who would that be?		Q.	What did Shawn say?	
5	A. Tyler, Nick.		A.	I don't recall the conversation	
6	Q. Tyler what?	1 6	exactly.		
7	A. I don't know the last name.	7	Q.	What did Rick say, Rick Wallace?	
8	Q. You don't know the last name of any	8		Same to all of them.	
9	of the people you work with?	9	Q.	Mr. Sentimont, do you recall?	
10	A. No.	10	-	No.	
11	Q. Tyler, Nick?	11		Do you have a title at J.C.	
12			Tonnotte?	so you have a create at 5.6.	
13	Shawn Prescott, Rick Wallace, Rick Sentimont.	13		Yes, master coiler.	
	Who else was there? I believe that is it.	14		Master coiler?	
15		15	-	Yes.	
16	with each of these individuals?	16	Q.	Do you need to have a license to be	
17	A. I believe it was a group		a master coil		
	conversation.	18	A.	No.	
19	Q. How did the subject come up with	19			
	them?	20	Q. A.	Who gave you that title? Work.	
21	A. I believe the same thing, we talked				
	about safety issues.	21	Q.	Did you have that title from the day	
23	Q. Is there some kind of a seminar or	23		vorking there?	
	meeting about safety issues?		Α.	No.	
٠,	g	24	Q.	Did you start in some other 11	
1	A. Yes, we talk about it once and	1	capacity?		
2	awhile. Safety is a very important thing.	2	Α.	Yes, laborer.	
3	Q. Did any of these individuals that	3	Q.	What was your job?	
4	you just identified ever have any accidents that	4	Α.	Trimming windows.	
	were	5	Q.	Do you install windows on roofs?	
6	A. Not to my knowledge.	6	Α.	No.	
7	MR. CVEJANOVICH: Wait until she	7		Does J.C. Tonnotte do that at all?	
8	finishes the question.	8		I believe they did skylights about	
9	Q. (By Ms. Pelletier) What did Mr.			ago, but I was not involved, not	
	Tonnotte say when you told him what happened?	1	very often.	ayo, but I was not involved, not	
11	A. I don't recall the exact words, but	11	-	What the year ish duties as a	
	he could not believe that somebody did that, you		laborer for J	What was your job duties as a	
	know.	13			
14	Q. Did what?	14		Trimming windows. What does that mean?	
15	A. Covered the hole on the roof with	15	-		
	paper without marking it.			The aluminum casing, the wood you	
17	Q. That's what he said?	1		U-bend or L-bend, put it on, cover	
18				don't have to paint.	
		18		Are you performing that activity at	
19	Q. He said he could not believe someone		a shop or on s		
	covered a hole on a roof without marking it?	20		On site.	
21	A. Exactly.	21		Did you do residential, commercial	
22	Q. Where is J.C. Tonnotte located?		or both?		
23	A. Southington, 205 Bristol Street.	23		Mostly residential, they haven't	
24	Q. What did Tyler say?	24	done commercia	el since I've worked there.	
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- Q. What were you being paid when you
- 2 first started working there?
- 3 A. \$16 an hour.
- 4 Q. Did you have any benefits?
- 5 A. Yes, they have the 401K plan, paid
- 6 holidays, four weeks vacation, three personal
- 7 sick days, health insurance.
- 8 Q. Had you ever worked as a laborer for
- 9 a window company before you began with J.C.
- 10 Tonnotte?
- 11 A. No.
- 12 Q. For what period of time did you work
- 13 as a laborer?
- 14 A. Excuse me?
- 15 Q. For what period of time did you work
- 16 as a laborer?
- 17 A. One year.
- 18 Q. And then what was your job?
- 19 A. The same job except for I handle all
- 20 the -- I run all the trim coils. We've got two
- 21 crews of two and I handle that.
- Q. What does that mean by handle that?
- 23 A. Basically like a foreman.
- 24 Q. Since you've began working for J.C.

- 1 Tonnotte regarding the performance of your work
- 2 which was in any way related to the injury you
- 3 claimed you received in September of 2001?
 - A. No.
- 5 Q. Have you been reprimanded or warned
- 6 for other reasons?
- A. No.
- 8 Q. What are you making now?
- 9 A. 19.
- 10 Q. Did it go from 16 to 19 directly or
- 11 was there some interim stuff?
- 12 A. It was two or three months into work
- 13 and I got a \$2 wage increase and then my year
- 14 review I got another dollar.
 - MS. PELLETIER: Off the record.
 - (Off record discussion)
- MS. PELLETIER: Back on the record,
- 18 please. For the record, we have yet to
- 19 receive any documentation of the loss of
 - earning capacity claim. Counsel has agreed
- to obtain tax returns, both state and
 - federal, that were requested in discovery by
 - both parties in this case and provide them to

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- 1 Tonnotte has there been any period of time that 1
- 2 you've missed work for anything except for a
- 3 common cold or illness such as that?
- 4 A. No.
- 5 Q. Do you claim that any injury or
- 6 ailment that you suffered as a result of the
- 7 incident in September of 2001 affects your
- 8 ability to perform your job at J.C. Tonnotte?
- 9 A. Yes, sometimes. I do a lot of
- 10 ladder work.
- 11 Q. How does it affect your ability to
- 12 perform your work?
- A. My foot gets sore.
- 14 Q. How does it affect your ability to
- 15 perform your work?
- 16 A. Going up and down the ladder, yes,
- 17 it slows me down.
- 18 Q. Has there been any occasion on which
- 19 you were unable to complete a task at work as a
- 20 result of the injuries you claim you sustained in
- 21 September of 2001?
- 22 A. No.
- 23 Q. Have you been reprimanded or warned
- 24 or given any kind of warning from anybody at $_{1}^{\mathrm{J}}$.C.

- MR. CVEJANOVICH: Yes.
- Q. (By Ms. Pelletier) Prior to working
- 3 at J.C. Tonnotte, where did you work?
- 4 A. I was self-employed. I
- 5 subcontracted for Seamless Metal Roofing Company.
- 6 Q. You were self-employed and you
- v v. rod were berr emproyed and
- 7 subcontracted from Seamless Metal --
 - A. Roofing Company.
- 9 Q. -- Roofing Company. And what were
- 10 you doing as your job?
 - A. Installing metal roofs.
- 12 Q. How long were you self-employed in
- 13 that capacity?

- 14 A. I believe it was two years all
- 15 together. It was one year and then the year
- 16 before that I subcontracted doing siding with
- 17 Peter O'Brown. Before that was Seamless Metal
- 18 and the year before that was Peter O'Brown again.
- 19 Q. When did you first start doing work
- 20 installing metal roofs?
- 21 A. I believe I was 22.
- 22 Q. Do you know what year that would
- 23 have been?
 - A. I'm 38 now, so that's 16 years ago,

- 1 1990.
- Q. What, if any, training did you
- 3 receive?
- 4 A. I was just trained by my father and
- 5 his employer Doug Couch.
- 6 Q. So was your father also an installer
- 7 at Seamless Metal Roofs?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. Since that time have you ever
- 10 received any additional training from anybody?
- 11 A. No.
- 12 Q. What was the training that you
- 13 received from your father and his employer?
- 14 A. They showed me how to applicate it.
- 15 Q. Did you ever have any safety
- 16 training?
- 17 A. No, I was always taught to be safe
- 18 though. I always set a ladder upright. I don't
- 19 use staging that's faulty. I don't use the skill
- 20 saw if the guard doesn't work, nail gun if the
- 21 safety doesn't work. I don't use that. I was
- 22 taught always to be safe actually.
- Q. Did you work for your father's
- 24 employer for some period of time?
- 1 7
- A. Yes, I actually worked for -- for
- 2 Doug Couch.
- 3 Q. Spell the last name?
- 4 A. C-O-U-C-H.
- 5 Q. Did he have a company or just Doug
- 6 Couch?
- 7 A. Yeah, first he had a siding company,
- 8 which was Seamless Siding and Gutters and then he
- 9 went into the roofing business, which is called
- 10 Seamless Metals.
- 11 Q. When you first started working for
- 12 him, were you working for Seamless Metal or
- 13 Seamless Siding?
- 14 A. Seamless Siding.
- 15 Q. Were you actually employed by him?
- 16 A. Yes, I was working by the hour at
- 17 that time.
- 18 Q. At some point you stopped working
- 19 for him as an employee and began working for him
- 20 as an independent contractor?
- 21 A. Yes, I was 17 years old. Actually,
- 22 I was 17 years old I first started
- 23 subcontracting. Then when I was 22, I started
- 24 working by the hour. I worked by the hour for \hat{R}

- 1 three or four years and then I went back to
- 2 subcontracting.
- 3 Q. Did you have any written agreement
- 4 with Mr. Couch?
- A. Written agreement as to what?
 - Q. Did you with him?
- 7 A. Can you give me more information? I
- 8 don't understand the question.
- 9 Q. When you were a subcontractor, did
- 10 you have any written arrangement with Mr. Couch
- 11 as to how you would get paid, the hours you would
- 12 work, what jobs you would work?
 - A. No.
 - Q. Nothing?
 - A. No, no, nothing written.
- Q. When you first started working as a
- 17 subcontractor for Mr. Couch, how were you paid?
- 18 A. I was paid by the square, that's a
- 19 10 by 10 area.
- Q. Did he continue to operate Seamless
- 21 Metal Roofing with his own employees when you
- 22 were working as an independent contractor?
- 23 A. Yes
- Q. Did you ever go out and bid any jobs
- 1 for Mr. Couch?
- 2 A. No
- 3 Q. The job that we're here to talk
- 4 about, is that a job that was arranged by
- 5 Seamless Metal Roofing or you or who?
- A. Seamless Metal Roofing.
 - Q. Did you ever advise anybody at
- 8 Boland Builders that you were not employed by
- 9 Seamless Metal Roofing?
- 10 A. No.
- 11 Q. Did you bid the job?
- 12 A. No.

- Q. Who did?
- A. My father, Robert Dade.
- 15 Q. So was your father acting for
- 16 Seamless Metal Roofing or you?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. So your father, Robert Dade, went
- 19 out and bid the job for Seamless Metal Roofing?
- 0 A. Correct.
- 21 Q. Then you showed up to do the job as
- 22 an independent contractor?
- 23 A. I'm a subcontractor.
 - Q. But you never told anybody that you

- 1 were a subcontractor, is that correct?
 2 A. Yes.
- Q. Did your father ever tell anybody 4 that Seamless Metal Roofing wasn't the entity
- 5 that was going to be performing the work?
- 6 A. Not to my knowledge. I wasn't 7 there.
- Q. Did you have a corporation orpartnership or any kind of an entity that you
- 10 worked under as an independent -- as a
- 11 subcontractor?
- 12 A. What do you mean partner?
- 13 Q. How did you get paid by Seamless
- 14 Metal Roofing for the job that's the subject
- 15 matter of this case?
- 16 A. Excuse me, say it again?
- 17 Q. How did you get paid by Seamless
- 18 Metal Roofing for the job that forms the subject
- 19 matter of this case?
- 20 A. The job I got hurt on?
- 21 Q. Yeah.
- 22 A. I didn't get paid for that job. I
- 23 fell through the roof and got hurt. You don't
- 24 work, you don't get paid.

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- A. It was \$150 per square.
- Q. That's to you personally?
 - A. Yes.
- Q. Did that include -- strike that.
- 5 How many buildings were you putting
- 6 roofs on at the subject location?
- A. There were two buildings. There was
- 8 some kind of garage-type building and then the
- 9 main building, which had an addition.
- 10 Q. Was the 150 per square for both
- 11 buildings?

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- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. Did you perform any work on the
- 14 garage building?
- 15 A. Yes.
 - Q. Did you get paid for that?
- 17 A. Yes.
 - Q. How much?
 - A. 150 per square.
- Q. How much?
- 21 A. Whatever the squares were.
 - Q. You don't remember?
- 23 A. No, I don't remember. I believe the
- 24 garage was probably about two and a half or three
- Q. When you were hired by Seamless
- 2 Metal Roofing to perform that job, was there
- 3 anything in writing between you and Seamless
- 4 Metal Roofing?
- 5 A. No.
- Q. What was the arrangement between
- 7 Seamless Metal Roofing and you in connection with
- 6 this job?
- 9 A. I do the job. I get paid when it's
- 10 half done -- I get paid half when it's half done
- 11 and when it's finished, I get paid the other
- 12 half.
- Q. You personally?
- 14 A. Yes, by check.
- 15 Q. The check is written to Robert Dade?
- 16 A. Yes
- 17 Q. Not any kind of corporation or
- 18 anything like that?
- 19 A. Not at all. I didn't get any check
- 20 from that job because, you know, I didn't do the
- 21 job. I worked one day on it. Actually, a day
- 22 and a half.
- 23 Q. How much were you supposed to be
- 24 paid according to you?

- 1 square. I've done so many roofs it's kind of
- 2 hard to remember the exact size of them all.
- 3 Q. Did you have any employees at any
- 4 time?
- A. Yes.
- 6 Q. As of the date of this incident,
- 7 who are you employees?
- 8 A. Mike Valentino. I don't know if I
- 9 am pronouncing that right.
- MR. RIDER: With a V?
- 11 THE WITNESS: Yeah, V. And then I
- 12 believe it was Keith Bryant, and there might
 - have been one other guy. I don't recall.
 - Q. (By Ms. Pellieter) If these were
- 15 employees, is it safe to assume you provided them
- 16 with W2s?

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- A. I paid them under the table.
- 18 Q. Have you ever advised the Sate of
- 19 Connecticut since that time that you were doing
- 20 that?
- 21 A. No.
- Q. How much did you pay Mike Valentino?
- 23 A. I think it was \$12 an hour. I'm not
- 24 exactly sure.

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- 1 Q. How about Keith Bryant?
- 2 A. I think it was about the same.
- 3 Q. How long had Mike Valentino worked
- 4 for you?
- 5 A. I believe about six months.
- 6 Q. What, if any, experience did he have
- 7 in installing seamless metal roofs before that?
- ${\tt A.}$ He was working for the company, I
- 9 think, for two years before that.
- 10 Q. The company meaning Seamless Metal
- 11 Roofing?
- 12 A. Yes.
- Q. What about Keith Bryant?
- 14 A. Keith Bryant actually had more
- 15 experience than that. I believe it was about six
- 16 or seven. I'm not exactly sure.
- 17 Q. Six or seven what?
- 18 A. Years.
- 19 Q. Did he also work for Seamless Metal
- 20 Roofing?
- 21 A. Yes, he also worked for Seamless
- 22 Siding too, as well. The company switched. He
- 23 went from one thing to the other.
- Q. Did you ever get a 1099 from
- 2 5

- Q. And that your father was working for
- 2 Seamless Metal Roofing at the time and he went
- 3 out and he priced the job?
 - A. Sure, he's a salesman at Seamless
- 5 Metal Roofing.
 - Q. At some point you go out to this
- 7 site to perform some work, correct?
- A. Yes.
- 9 Q. Because at some point you get hired
- 10 by Seamless Metal roofing to do something,
- 11 correct?
- 12 A. Yes.
 - Q. What did you get hired to do?
- 14 A. To do the roof.
 - Q. What does that mean?
- 16 A. That means I go to the job and then
- 17 we bring a machine and we measure how long the
- 18 roof panels are.
 - Q. We who?
- 20 A. Me and a couple of the guys who were
- 21 working for me, Mike and Keith and someone else
- 22 and Michael Moffit too.
- Q. Well, Michael Moffit wasn't working
- 24 for you? That is where I'm getting confused

- 1 Seamless Metal Roofing?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. Who is Michael Moffit?
- 4 A. Who is he?
- 5 Q. Um-hum.
- 6 A. He was our employee at Seamless
- 7 Metals.
- 8 Q. Employee?
- 9 A. Employee. Well, he would
- 10 subcontract as well. On the bigger jobs we went
- 11 together and then we did separate ones.
- 12 Q. I'm a little confused as to how this
- 13 arrangement works. How would somebody decide
- 14 whether Seamless would be at the site or you or
- 15 Seamless or somebody who used to work at
- 16 Seamless, how would that work?
- 17 A. How do you mean?
- 18 Q. This job, let's talk about this job.
- 19 A. This job, okay.
- 20 Q. You made an allegation that you
- 21 were, as of today, the subcontractor of Seamless
- 22 Metal Roofing hired to do the work at this site,
- 23 is that right?
- A. Right.

- 1 here.
- A. He's a subcontractor as well. We
- 3 both subcontract all the time. On bigger jobs we
- 4 would get together and do it together.
- 5 Q. What were the arrangements between
- 6 you and Michael Moffit as to who was going to do
- 7 what on this job?
 - A. We all worked together.
- 9 Q. So you --
- 10 A. As a team.
- 1 Q. So you and Mr. Moffit both
- 12 subcontracted with no written agreement to work
- 13 as a team on this job?
 - A. Yes.
- 15 Q. How much did he get paid?
 - A. Half.
- 17 Q. Half of what?
- 18 A. We split it down the middle.
 - Q. So if it was 150 square?
- 20 A. Say it was \$5,000 --
- Q. Is 150 squares just for you or is
- 22 150 squares divided by two because Mr. Moffit got
- 23 half?

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24 A. 75 and 75, Mr. Moffit got half.

- 1 Q. So you did not get 150 as testified?
- You asked how much I get paid. 2 Α.
- Then you said 150 square. You did
- 4 not, you got half of that, correct?
- Α. Yes, on that particular job, yes.
- Did Mr. Moffit have any employees?
- 7 Α. Yes, we used the same guys and
- 8 rotated them around.
- ٥. On this job who paid Mr. Valentino
- 10 and from Mr. Bryant?
- We both paid them. We took it off
- 12 the top. Actually, I only did the garage, so he
- 13 paid them himself for the main building.
- How many times did you work under
- 15 the arrangement that you just described with
- 16 Seamless Roofing and Seamless Metal Roofing and
- 17 Mike Moffit?
- I don't recall exactly, but probably Α.
- 19 about 20 or more jobs.
- You've made allegations in this case Q.
- 21 that you had to forego -- you personally, 12 jobs
- 22 as a result of the injury that you suffered in
- 23 this case, are you aware of that?
- Α. Yes.

- One of the jobs is identified as
- 2 D-U-B-R-A-Y, are you familiar with that?
- No, I don't recall. Α.
- Do you recall a single job that you
- 5 claim that you were required to forego?
- Α. Do I, no.
- Do you have any documentation to Q.
- 8 show that you had been hired by Seamless Metal
- 9 Roofing to perform any job that you claim you
- 10 were required to forego?
- A. No, there is nothing written like I
- 12 told you before.
- So there's no documentation to claim
- 14 you were to forego any job that you were required
- 15 to forego a single job, as a result of the
- 16 injuries you claim you sustained in September of
- 17 2001, is that correct?
- 18 A. Yes.
- In fact, you indicated that Mr.
- 20 Moffit ended up doing the jobs that you were
- 21 required to forego?
- Α. Yes.
- Mr. Moffit was all ready working as
- 24 a subcontractor prior to this incident for

- 1 Seamless Roofing, correct?
 - Α. Yes.
- Do you have any documents whatsoever
- 4 that support your claim that you have any loss of
- 5 earning capacity as a result of the injuries you
- 6 sustained in September of 2001?
- A. No.

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- 8 0. Who is Michael --
 - MR. CVEJANOVICH: Note an objection.
 - That's in part a legal question.
- (By Ms. Pelletier) Michael V-O-L-I? 11 0.
 - Who is he? Α.
 - Yes.
 - He's one of the employees. Α.
 - Q. One of whose employees?
 - He worked for me and Mike Moffit. Α.
- 17 You've identified Mr. Voli as a
- 18 person who has knowledge of the incident as
- 19 alleged in your complaint and also indicated that
- 20 he's expected to testify as to the condition of
- 21 the roof and to what he witnessed, do you
- 22 understand that?
- 23
- You also identified Mr. Moffit as. 24 Q.
- 1 being your partner at the time of this incident, 2 are you aware of that?
 - Α.
 - 0. Was Mr. Moffit your partner?
- Yes, sometimes we'd be partners and Α.
- 6 sometimes we wouldn't.
 - On this job was he your partner? Q.
 - Yes, we were partners.
- How did you decide whether you were Q.
- 10 going to be partners or not?
- Α. The bigger jobs -- the small jobs we
- 12 would do separately, the bigger jobs we would get
- 13 together.
- You've identified Mr. Bryant as
- 15 working for you through Seamless Metals, what
- 16 does that mean?
- Α. What does that mean? Like I said,
- 18 it's a small company. Mike Moffit and myself
- 19 were subcontractors and we switched around.
- 20 There were employees that would bounce around and
- 21 work for me, work for Mike Moffit, work for the
- 22 company itself. I don't know how else to emplain
- 23 it to you.
 - Q. These are your words, your

- 1 attorney's words, it says both Mr. Voli, V-O-L-I,
- 2 and Mr. Bryant were both working for you through
- 3 Seamless Metals?
- 4 A. Through Seamless Metals?
- 5 Q. Yes.
- 6 A. I don't know. I don't know what to
- 7 tell you there.
- § Q. You have no ownership interest in
- 9 Seamless Metals, is that correct?
- 10 A. No ownership at all.
- 11 Q. Mr. Valentino is not listed in your
- 12 automatic disclosure as a person who has any
- 13 knowledge of the incidents as alleged in your
- 14 complaint?
- 15 A. He should be.
- Q. Where does he reside?
- 17 A. Bristol.
- 18 O. Where?
- 19 A. I believe it's Bert Street. I don't
- 20 know the number.
- Q. Say the name again?
- 22 A. Bert Street.
- Q. Does he live with Mr. Voli?
- 24 A. That's the same guy. I don't know غ کی کا

- 1 those jobs lined up for you?
 - A. Yes.
- B Q. How did you know that?
- 4 A. Because he shows me the jobs ahead
- 5 of time. He would take pictures with his digital
- 6 camera and show me jobs so I could get an
- 7 overlook of it, you know, what I would need as
- 8 far as ladders and stuff.
- 9 Q. But there is no documentation that
- 10 supports the claim that these were lined up prior
- 11 to this incident?
- 12 A. No.
- 13 Q. You've never seen any documentation
- 14 to support that whatsoever?
- 15 A. No.

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- 16 Q. Do you have any recollection as to
- 17 what the first communication you had with anybody
- 18 regarding this particular job was?
 - A. No.
- Q. Was it your father?
 - A. It had to be.
- Q. Do you have any recollection as to
- 23 when you first visited the site?
- A. No, I don't remember the exact date.
- 1 how to pronounce his last name or spell it.
- Q. V-O-L-I is Valentino?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. That's the same person?
- A. That's the same person, correct.
- 6 He's got a tough name. I always just call him
- 7 Mikey V.
- 8 Q. Is V-O-L-I a tough name for you to
- 9 pronounce or is the name wrong on the document?
- 10 A. I'm not sure. I don't know how to
- 11 spell his last name.
- 12 Q. How do you pronounce it?
- 13 A. That I'm not sure.
- 14 Q. Do you have any pieces of paper with
- 15 his name on it?
- 16 A. No.
- 17 Q. I'm going to show you a document and
- 18 ask if you can identify it.
- 19 A. Yes, those are the jobs my father
- 20 had lined up for me.
- Q. Who prepared this document?
- 22 A. Who prepared that document? I
- 23 believe it was Janet Couch.
- Q. Do you claim that your father had

- 1 Q. Were you at the site at any time
- 2 before the date of the fall?
 - A. I believe the day before.
- 4 Q. Did you ever have any conversations
- 5 prior to the date of the fall with anybody
- 6 associated with Boland?
 - A. Yes.
 - Q. Who?
- 9 A. Tom Boland.
- 10 Q. Where was the conversation?
- 11 A. Down by that little garage or barn
- 12 or whatever you want to call it.
- Q. What was the substance of the
- 14 conversation?
 - A. I don't recall. I believe we were
- 16 just talking about the roof actually, it had to
- 17 be.

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- 18 Q. Who was in charge of this job?
 - A. My father sells it, he's a salesman,
- 20 and then when I go there, I'm in charge.
- 21 Q. Not Mr. Moffit, not your partner?
- 22 A. No.
 - Q. You don't work together on that one?
- 24 A. We do work together, you know what I

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1 mean? What is the best thing -- I have more
2 knowledge, so I kind of like -- we do work
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- 3 together. It's tough to explain, I guess.
- Are you aware of any written
- 5 contracts that relate to this project?
- How do you mean? Α.
- Do you know what a contract is? Q.
- I know what a contract is, yes.
- Are you aware of any written
- 10 contracts that relate to this project?
- Α. 11 No.
- 0. Do you claim there was a written
- 13 contract for the installation of the roof?
- Yes, I actually saw it. The
- 15 Watstein and Watstein over in -- let's see, how
- 16 do I say that? He needed a copy of it. I got a
- 17 copy from Seamless Metal Roofing and I brought a
- 18 copy to Watstein and Watstein and that is when I
- 19 saw the contract.
- So the contract that existed with
- 21 regard to the roof was between Seamless Metal
- 22 Roofing and whom?
- Α. I believe it was Tom Boland, I'm not
- 24 exactly sure. It's been awhile.
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- 1 would be ready for you to work on?
- My father handled that part. Α.
 - Q. Your father would tell you it was
- 4 time to go?
- He would say, Bob, you have to bend A. 6 up this amount of drip edge to get started. I
- 7 would bend it up and bring it out with a roll and
- 8 the machine and start the job. He would give me
- 9 the address. Some times he would drive out there
- 10 with me and some times he just gave me the
- 11 address.
- 12 ٥. Other than the conversation that you
- 13 had out at the garage building with Mr. Boland,
- 14 did you have any other conversations before you
- 15 began your work on the garage building?
 - A. Not that I recall, no.
- Are you aware of whether Mr. Moffit 17 Q.
- 18 had any kind of conversations with Mr. Boland or
- 19 anyone from Boland Builders before you began your
- 20 work on the garage building?
 - A. I don't know that answer.
- What was the condition of the house
- 23 as opposed to the garage building when you first
- 24 arrived on the site?

- To your knowledge at any point did
- 2 anybody tell either Boland builders or the owner
- 3 of the property that it would not be Seamless
- 4 Metal Roofing but you that would be performing
- 5 the work on this job, correct?
- As far as I know. Α.
- You have the same name as your ٥.
- 8 father, is that fair to state?
- Α. Our middle initials are different
- 10 his is Ernest and mine is Joseph.
- ٥. But you're both named Robert Dade? 11
- Α. Yes. 12
- Is the contract that you saw signed
- 14 be Robert Dade?
- Α. I don't recall. It's been a couple
- 16 of years.
- Is that the only contract that
- 18 you're aware of that relates to this project?
- Α. Yes.
- 0. How did you know when it was that it
- 21 was time for you to go out to the site?
- When I finished the job beforehand,
- 23 which I don't remember when that was.
- How did you know that the building

- Well, they had the main building and 2 they put an addition to the left of it, if you're
- 3 looking at it from the garage. It was new
- 4 construction obviously. They had tarpaper on the
- 5 roof. That is as much as I can explain it.
- Q. It's your testimony that the
- 7 tarpaper was on the roof the first day you were
- 8 on the site?
- Α. I believe so. It was either that or
- 10 the next morning.
- Q. The next morning would be the day of
- 12 the incident?
- Α. Yes.
- Did you have any discussions with Q.
- 15 Mr. Boland at any time regarding when it was that
- 16 you were supposed to begin your work on what
- 17 you're calling the main building?
 - Α. Yes.
- ٥. What did he tell you?
- 20 Α. I went up on the roof, and I was
- 21 talking to him. I believe if you're looking out
- 22 from the garage, I would be the closest to the
- 23 garage, the front of the house to the left. I
- 24 was standing there talking to him and discussing

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 1 the roof. I said I would measure the drip edge
2 to get the final amount. My father gives me the
3 amounts to start with. I go measure how much
4 more I need. He said he had skylights going in
5 and I said, okay, that's no problem. He asked me
6 about the flashings. I said the flashing is no
7 problem, we bend our own flashing, just when you
8 put the skylights in, we'll flash accordingly and
9 put the roof on. He pointed towards the area on
10 the flat roof on the other side. He never
11 mentioned he had the wood cut out and it was
12 papered at the time so I had no knowledge that
13 those holes were there. That is basically it.
               The question that I asked you sir
15 was about a conversation as to when you would
16 begin your work on that building?
               I'm sorry, I got sidetracked. I
18 believe that was a Friday, if I'm remembering
19 right, it would be the following Monday.
        Q.
               So he told you that you would not
21 begin your work until the following Monday?
               No, he asked me when would you be
23 starting the main roof and I told him on Monday.
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1 A. I don't recall.
2 Q. So your testimony is that -3 A. That would the 10th.
4 Q. So you told Mr. Boland that you
5 would not begin your work until the 10th of

What was the date Monday?

7 A. Right.

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- 8 Q. You told him that prior to your
 9 fall?
- 10 A. Yes.

6 September 2001?

- 11 Q. You told him that while you were
- 12 standing on the roof?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. After he told you that there were 15 skylights going in?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. You believe that that conversation
- 18 took place on a Friday?
- 19 A. Yes, I believe so.
- Q. Was that the same day you claim you
- 21 fell?
- 22 A. Yes, it was the same day I fell,
- 23 that's for sure.
- Q. Let's go back and talk about the day

- 1 that you fell beginning with your arrival on the 2 site, and that is September 7th 2001, correct?
 - A. Yes.
- Q. Tell me everything you can recall happening from the time you arrived on September 7th 2001 until the time of your fall?
- A. We arrived in the morning. We had the top part of the barn or garage to do because it's shaped with the sides up like that and the
- 10 top like that, we had to finish the top. At the
- 11 time we got finished with the top of it, or I
- 12 think before we finished, I went up to talk to
- 13 Tom about 10 o'clock in the morning or something
- 14 like that. I talked to him. I went back down.
- 15 We finished that up and then I had to get the
- 16 amount of drip edge I need. I went to talk to
- 17 Mike Moffit.
- 18 Q. When you went up to talk to Tom, 19 where did you go?
- 20 A. I went on the roof. That is where 21 he was working with -- I think another guy was 22 working with him.
- Q. Is that the conversation that you just described?

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- A. Yes.
- 2 Q. So you went up on the roof
- 3 approximately 10 o'clock in the morning. You had
- 4 a conversation with Mr. Boland and he advised you
- 5 there were skylights going in that roof and then
- 6 you came off the roof and you went back to the
- 7 barn area?

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- A. Yes.
- 9 Q. What happened after that?
- 10 A. Well, we finished up the barn and
- 11 then Mike Moffit and I went back up to the main
- 12 building and we began to measure the drip edge so
- 13 we'd get the right amount.
- 14 Q. Who was there besides you and Mike 15 Moffit?
 - A. Mickey V.
- MR. CVEJANOVICH: For the record, you mean on the job or on the roof where he
 - fell.
- 20 MS. PELLETIER: No one said he was 21 on the roof at the time he was measuring the
- 22 drip edge. 23 THE WITNESS: Well, I was on -- you
 - have to be on -- you don't have to, but we do

MR. CVEJANOVICH: Generally who's 3 on the job site you're asking? 4

- (By Ms. Pelletier) I'm asking who 6 was doing the measurement?
- Mike Moffit and I.
- Where was Mr. Boland? 8
- He was not on the job site, he left. 9
- So the last conversation that you 10
- 11 had with Mr. Boland prior to you going back on
- 12 the roof was that you were going to begin the
- 13 roof on September 10th?
- Α. Correct. 14
- 15 Q. Mr. Boland was not there when you
- 16 decided to go back on the roof after that
- 17 conversation, correct?
- 18 Α. Right.
- He had no knowledge you went back up 19
- 20 on the roof at that time, correct?
- I'm not sure if I told him I needed A.
- 22 to get the footage of the drip edge or not. I
- 23 might have. I might not have.
- He certainly wasn't there? Q.
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- 1 have kits that come with the skylights, but that
- 2 is for roofing shingles. We build a full length
- 3 instead of having all these pieces. That is
- 4 basically how that works.
- Did you ever have any conversations Q. 6 with Mr. Boland while inside the building?
- - A. No.
- Q. Did you ever have any conversation
- 9 inside the building while Mr. Stuart Jones was
- 10 present?

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- A. I'm not sure. I remember talking to
- 12 him, but I'm not sure if it was inside the
- 13 building or not.
- Do you have any recollection of Q.
- 15 having the skylights pointed out to you while you
- 16 were inside the building?
- Α. No, not at all. If I would have
- 18 seen -- can I go on?
 - Q. Sure.
- If I would have seen the skylights A. 20
- 21 were papered like that from underneath, I would
- 22 have asked him to cut them out or I would have
- 23 plywood them myself because it's just a safety
- 24 thing, you know.

- He certainly was not there. 1
- Q. Do you know where he was? 2
- Did you have any conversations with
- 5 Mr. Boland at any time while you were inside of
- 6 the building?
- No, not to my knowledge. I don't
- 8 even think I went inside the building but maybe
- What did you do when you were inside 10 Q.
- 11 the building?
- 12 A. I'm not even sure. I'm not even
- 13 sure if I went inside the building. I know I was
- 14 inside when I fell through it.
- 15 Q. You were telling me about being back
- 16 on the roof with Mike Moffit measuring the
- 17 flashing?
- A. Yes, drip edge, um-hum.
- Did you ever have any conversations
- 20 with Mr. Boland about the appropriate type of
- 21 flashing to use when installing skylights on a
- 22 roof that was going to be a metal roof?
- Α. Yeah, that was part of our
- 24 discussion. I said we would bend our own.

- It's a safety thing for who? Q.
- Anybody, his workers, me, anybody
- 3 that goes up on that roof, even Tom Boland
- 4 himself. You can call that like a trap like they
- 5 used to do with bears and lions. They dug a hole
- 6 and camouflaged it and they walked across and
- 7 fell through.
- You agree with me, sir, you knew
- 9 there were skylights going in the roof if you
- 10 didn't know there were holes there, right?
- I knew there were skylights. I A.
- 12 didn't know there were holes.
- Q. You knew there were skylights when
- 14 you went back on the roof a second time on
- 15 September 7, 2001?
 - Α.
- What, if any, steps did you take to
- 18 determine whether or not the holes had been cut
- 19 out?
- Α. I didn't see any reason for anyone
- 21 to cut a hole before they put the skylight in.
- That's not my question. What, if
- 23 anything, did you do to determine that the holes
- 24 had been cut out?

- 1 A. What did I do, nothing.
- Q. What did Mr. Moffit do?
- 3 A. Nothing.
- 4 Q. Was Mr. Moffit present when Mr.
- 5 Boland advised you that there was going to be
- 6 skylights in the building?
- 7 A. No.
- Q. It was just you and Mr. Boland?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. Did you tell Mr. Moffit before you
- 11 Went up on the roof that there were going to be
- 12 skylights?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. He didn't do anything to figure out
- 15 if they'd been cut out yet?
- 16 A. No.
- 17 Q. To your knowledge was Mr. Moffit
- 18 ever on the inside of the building?
- 19 A. I'm not sure.
- Q. Did you request permission of
- 21 anybody prior to going on the roof the second $% \left(1\right) =\left(1\right) +\left(1\right) +\left$
- 22 time?
- 23 A. I don't believe I need permission
- 24 to --

A. No.

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- Q. How did you know it was the kitchen?
- A. I was told afterwards.

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- 4 Q. By whom?
- 5 A. I don't recall.
- Q. What happened when you landed?
- 7 A. Well, I tried -- when I was falling
- 8 through, I knew what was going on right away. I
- 9 knew this guy cut the skylights out. So it was
- 10 all black and then I could see something, like
- 11 this big silver thing. I don't know if it was a
- 12 vacuum or whatever. I tried to kick it out of my
- 13 way. I think I landed feet first and then I went
- 14 to my rear. I hit my nose on the way through so
- 15 I was bleeding through the nose. The homeowner, 16 the wife, she gave me a rag for my nose. I held
- 17 that and I laid there. I could tell -- I could
- 18 feel the pain in my foot. They called the
- 19 ambulance and the ambulance came and carried me
- 20 to the house and put me in the ambulance and
- 21 brought me to Noble Hospital.
- Q. Did you have any conversations with
- 23 Mrs. Jones after you fell through the roof?
- 24 A. Yes.

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- 1 Q. That's not my question, sir. Did
- 2 you request permission to anyone --
- 3 A. No.
- 4 Q. You need to wait until I complete
- 5 the question. Did you request permission of
- 6 anyone prior to going on the roof a second time?
- 7 A. No.
- 8 Q. Did you advise anyone on the site
- 9 you were going on the roof a second time?
- 10 A. No.
- 11 Q. What happened when you went on the
- 12 roof the second time?
- 13 A. We began to measure the drip edge on
- 14 the far side of the building, the furthest away
- 15 from the garage. We started to come this way.
- 16 One guy holds the ruler on one end, we rule it
- 17 out, take the measure. We got to the other
- 18 side, started to walk across with the ruler, and
- 19 I was falling through.
- Q. Do you remember where you landed?
- 21 A. I landed on the plywood, I believe
- 22 that would be the kitchen.
- 23 Q. Do you have any recollection of
- 24 having ever been in that kitchen before?

- Q. What did you say --
- 2 A. Yes, I told her -- I said, I can't
- 3 believe they cut the holes out. I kept saying
- 4 over and over. She said, I know, I know, I don't
- 5 know why he did that. I don't know why he did
- 6 that.
 - Q. Mrs. Jones said that?
- 8 A. Yes, I remember that very
- 9 distinctly.
- 10 Q. Who else was present when that
- 11 conversation allegedly took place?
- 12 A. I believe Mikey V was there. He
- 13 heard me fall through the roof. He was on the
- 14 bar. He said he was there like in no time.
- 15 That is what he told me.
 - Q. When did you talk to him about it?
- 17 A. I'm not sure if it was in the
- 18 hospital or after.
- 19 Q. Did you have any conversations with
- 20 Mr. Jones?
- 21 A. Not that I recall.
- Q. Do you recall ever telling Mrs.
- 23 Jones that you forgot that the skylights had been
- 24 cut out?

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- Yes. I didn't tell her that at all.
- Do you know that she stated that you 0. 3 told her that?
- Yeah, I heard that, yes. Α.
- Who did you hear that from, and if
- 6 it was your attorney don't tell me. Strike that.
- Did you ever hear that Mrs. Jones
- 8 stated that you said words to the effect that you
- 9 forgot the skylights were there from anyone other
- 10 than counsel?
- Α. No.
- Did you ever have any conversations
- 13 with Mr. Jones after you fell?
- I don't believe I did. I know that
- 15 they had called the hospital. I don't know if I
- 16 had talked to him or if it was my future wife,
- 17 which I'm married now.
- What is her name? 18 0.
- Denise. 19
- Were they conversations about your
- 21 condition or about the incident?
- Yeah, they wanted to know how I was
- 23 doing, my well-being.
- Other than this conversation that, Q.

- 1 incident?
 - Yeah, Mike V, Mike Moffit. Α.
- What did you say and what did they Q.
- 4 sav?
 - I don't remember exact words, who Α.
- 6 went what, but we talked about how we could not
- 7 believe how the guy cut the holes out and covered
- 8 it with paper. That was the conversation.
- Did you ever tell either of these
- 10 individuals that Mr. Boland had told you that
- 11 there were skylights in that roof?
 - Yes, I told them how the Α.
- 13 conversation went and how he pointed 20 to 30
- 14 feet away where the skylights were, and the
- 15 skylights were five feet away from us.
- But nobody was there except you and
- 17 Mr. Boland, right?
 - Yes, and I believe there were one of Α.
- 19 his workers on the roof, but I think he was like
- 20 10, 12 feet away.
 - Q. Did you ever go back to the site?
- Did you ever have any conversations Q.
- 24 with your father about the incident?
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- 1 you've described with Mrs. Jones immediately
- 2 after the fall and the possible conversations
- 3 regarding your well-being, did you ever have any
- 4 other conversations with Mr. or Mrs. Jones?
- Α. No.
- Did you ever have any conversations
- 7 with Mr. Boland regarding the incident?
- Α. No, he had called the hospital, but
- 9 I didn't want to talk to him.
- So since the date of the fall you
- 11 have not had any conversations with Mr. Boland?
- Α. No.
- Have you had any conversations with
- 14 Mr. Bryant about this incident?
- Any conversations, yeah, I'm sure Α.
- 16 we've talked about it.
- What did you say and what did he Q.
- 18 say?
- I don't really recall. You know,
- 20 we were talking about the accident, you know,
- 21 falling through the roof. I don't know how else
- 22 to -- actually I don't remember the conversation.
- Did you ever have any conversations
- 24 with anyone else that was on the site about the

- Α. Yes.
- What did you say and what did he Q.
- 3 say?

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- They were basically the same Α.
- 5 conversation about the hole being covered with
- 6 the paper.
- Q. Did you tell him that the
- 8 contractor, Mr. Boland, had told you that there
- 9 were skylights in that roof?
 - Α. Yes.
- MR. CVEJANOVICH: Objection. The 11
- testimony speaks for itself. On the 12
- transcript, I believe, Mr. Dade said that Mr. 13
 - Boland told him they were going to be --
 - MS. PELLETIER: I don't want you coaching the witness. He's testified.
- 16 MR. CVEJANOVICH: I don't want you 17
- 18 putting words in his mouth. The transcript speaks for itself.
 - MS. PELLETIER: It certainly does.
- MR. CVEJANOVICH: I don't want you 21
 - warping the transcript.
 - MS. PELLETIER: I'm not warping the
 - transcript. I'm asking questions.
- 5 6

MS. PELLETIER: I'm not warping the 3

transcript. I'm asking questions that he 4 5

doesn't have to answer the way he did.

(By Ms. Pelletier) When you decided 7 to go up on the roof the second time on September

- 8 7th 2001, how did you get up there?
- A ladder. 9 A.
- ٥. Whose ladder? 10
- It might have been there. 11
- 12 It might have been where?
- Might have been leaning up on the
- 14 roof.
- Was it leaning up on the roof? Q. 15
- I don't recall. 16
- 17 Q. It wasn't your ladder?
- 18
- You used somebody else's ladder to 19
- 20 go up there, right?
- Α. 21
- 22 Q. Did you ask permission?
- Α. 23
- You took somebody else's ladder and 0.

- Q. What parts of your body do you claim
- 2 you injured as a result of this incident?
 - Α. My right foot.
- Did you have worker's compensation Q.
- 5 insurance?
 - No.
- Q. Why not?
- I could not afford it.
- 9 Did Seamless Metal Roofing provide Q.
- 10 you with workman's compensation insurance when
- 11 you worked for them?
- Α. No. Actually, I did have workman's
- 13 comp for anybody who worked for me but it did not
- 14 cover myself.
 - 0. The people you paid under the table?
- 16 Yeah. Α.
- 17 Q. How did you have workman's
- 18 compensation for --
- 19 Α. It's a requirement. I can't explain
- 20 it. That is paperwork stuff and I only went to
- 21 llth grade.
- 22 Q. Do you have the paperwork stuff for
- 23 it?

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- I believe I can get it.
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- 1 you're not even sure whose and went up on the
- 2 roof?
- Α. I didn't take anything, it was
- 4 there.
- You just told me you don't remember
- 6 that?
- The ladder was there.
- There was a ladder on the site, you
- 9 don't recall whether it was on the ground or up
- 10 on the roof, where it was?
- You're right, yeah. Α. 11
- So you took the ladder that belonged 0.
- 13 to somebody else and utilized that to get up on
- 14 the roof without telling anybody you were doing
- 15 so, correct?
- Α. 16 Yes.
- You were not scheduled to be back up
- 18 on that roof based upon what you told Mr. Boland
- 19 until September 10th, correct?
- Α. I don't know if that's accurate or 20
- 21 not. I don't recall actually -- I don't know if
- 22 I told him I had to measure for the drip edge or
- 23 not. That's something that needed to be done for
- 24 the job, a requirement.

- Get that and give it to your counsel 2 and counsel and I will discus whether to produce
- What was the injury that you claim
- 5 you sustained to your right foot?
- I broke three bones. If these were
- 7 the toes, they were this one, this one, and this
- & one, right underneath the knuckles. They had to
- 9 take pins and go through the knuckles into the
- 10 bone to straighten them out. Of course a couple
- 11 of bruises on my arms because I put them out to
- 12 catch myself. I cut my nose.
- Q. 13 That it?
- 14 Α. Yes.
- Q. Had you ever sustained any injury to 16 your right foot at any time prior to September of
- 17 2001?

22 2001?

- 18 Α. Not to my knowledge. I might have 19 twisted it when I was a kid.
- Had you ever sustained an injury to Q. 21 your left foot at any time prior to September
- 23 Same thing. I know I twisted my 24 ankle. I don't remember which one.

- Had you ever been out of work for 2 any period of time in the five years prior to
- 3 this incident for any injury or ailment other
- 4 than the common cold or things like that?
- A. None at all.
- ٥. How long do you claim you were out
- 7 of work as a result of this incident?
- Two months.
- 9 Q. Two months?
- 10 Yes.
- 11 Q. When you went back to work, did you
- 12 go back to work for yourself?
- Yes, same working conditions, yes. 13
- Q. And did you have jobs lined up when
- 15 you went back to work from your dad?
- 16 Α. Yes.
- Do you have any recollection as to Q.
- 18 what job you went to work on, the first job?
- None at all. I believe there was
- 20 documentation of the checks that I got from them.
- 21 I don't know if you got them or not.
- Q. There's documentation of checks that
- 23 you got from what?
- Α. The company. I believe Weitstein

- 1 hours a day?
 - Α. For about eight months.
- Q. Did you ever apply for any kind of
- 4 disability?
- Α. No.
- Q. Did you claim that you were
- 7 disabled?
- Do I claim, no.
- Q. After this eight-month period, did
- 10 you then go back to full time?
 - Α. Yes.
 - Did you do the same work? 0.
- 13 Α. No, I only think I worked for not
- 14 too long after that and I went back to siding.
- Q. When you went back to siding, did
- 16 you go back to siding as yourself as a contractor
- 17 for Seamless Metal or as an employee of Seamless
- 18 Metal?

- 19 Α. I subcontracted. I'm not sure. I
- 20 can't remember. I think it was a year or two or
- 21 something. I'm not even positive.
- 22 0. Why did you make a change to your
- 23 present job?
 - Because of the injury of my foot.
- 1 and Weitstein had me get those, the jobs that I
- 2 did after, the job names and the checks. MS. PELLETIER: I don't believe we
 - have those. Do you recall seeing those?
- MR. CVEJANOVICH: I'll track them
- down the best I can, yes. As we sit here 7 today, I don't recall seeing any checks.
- (By Ms. Pelletier) What was the 9 purpose of Mr. Weitstein having those checks?
- 10 I'm not sure.
- 11 Did you get paid the same way as you
- 12 had before?
- Α. Yes. 13
- Did you get paid the same amount as Q.
- 15 you had before?
- Α. 16 No.
- 0. Why not? 17
- Α. I worked less hours. I only worked
- 19 sim hours a day.
- Q. Were you provided with some
- 21 restriction by some health care professional?
- No, it was just too painful walking
- 23 on the roof with my injury.
- For how long did you only work $\sin \frac{\pi}{n}$

- 1 It was just too much walking on an angle, the 2 angle of a roof was too much for my foot.
- Q. You didn't have to walk on an angle
- 4 doing siding work, right?
- Α. Basically you're flat ground on a
- 6 plank, the plank is flat like a sidewalk.
- Q. Why did you leave that siding job to
- 8 go to the window job?
- Α. The terrain around the job, the same
- 10 thing. I have to work for a living. I have to
- 11 make a living.
- Q. You don't have issues with terrain
- 13 when you do window installation?
- Α. Yes, sometimes. 14
- Q. What were you making when you were
- 16 working in the siding as opposed to the roofing?
 - A. I got paid by the square on that
- 18 too. I'm not sure. I can get my W2 forms, my
- 19 1099 forms to show that.
- Q. Were there activities that you
- 21 participated in prior to this incident that you
- 22 were limited in participating in or refrained
- 23 from participating in as a result of the
- 24 incident?

- Yes, I used to enjoy hunting. I 2 don't go hunting anymore because of the terrain.
- Q. What about the terrain?
- It's up and down. When you walk
- 5 into the woods, it's different elevations.
- 6 You're walking up and over trees. You've got 7 holes, rocks.
- Q. What about that?
- What about that, the angle of my Α.
- 10 foot moving. It causes pain after awhile.
- Have you been hunting at all since
- 12 the incident?
- 13 Α. No.
- 0. When was the last time you had been
- 15 hunting prior to the incident?
- Prior to the incident, yeah, about a 16
- 17 year.
- 18 How often would you go hunting?
- I don't know, four, six times a
- 20 season. Sometimes I would take a trip up to
- 21 Vermont.
- It's your testimony you have not Q.
- 23 been at all since this incident?
- No, I have not required a license,

- That was over at UConn, Dr. Aaron or Α. 2 something. I don't recall the exact name. I'm
- 3 not good with names.
- Why did you go to see the doctor in Q. 5 2005?
- Α. He gave me a cortisone shot to help 7 with the pain in my foot. They suggested if that
- 8 doesn't help, I can get an operation. I don't
- 9 know if I want to go through that again. You
- 10 have to take time off work and then if it makes
- 11 it worse, you know, it's kind of scary.
- How many shots do you claim that you
- 13 had?

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- 14 Α. I had two. The first one worked
- 15 really well and the second one lasted like a
- 16 month and that was it. I believe the first one
- 17 lasted for about six months.
 - MS. PELLETIER: Counsel, I think,
- and help me out if I am wrong, Dan, the last 19
- note that we have --
 - MR. CVEJANOVICH: I'm sorry?
- 22 MS. PELLETIER: The last note I have
- 23 is from 2004, early April 2004, May of May 5,
- 24 2004.

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- 1 since then.
- 0. You haven't what?
- Required a hunting license since
- 4 then.
- You have not required one? Q.
- Exactly, I didn't go hunting. I Α.
- 7 didn't need a license.
- Any other activities that you
- 9 refrained from participating in or limited your
- 10 participation in that you claim is a result of
- 11 the incident?
- Yes, I am not as active with my
- 13 children playing sports and such things.
- 14 Anything else?
- 15 Α. Bicycling.
- Q. Anything else? 16
- 17 Α.
- 0. When was the last time you saw any 18
- 19 health care professional in connection with the
- 20 injury you claim you sustained in September 2001?
- Α. Last year sometime.
- 22 Q. 2005?
- Α. 23 Yes.
- Q. Who was it?

- 1 THE WITNESS: That might as well
 - been the last one. I can double check with
 - the doctor's office.
- MR. CVEJANOVICH: Off the record. 4
 - (Off record discussion)
- (By Ms. Pelletier) Has any health
- 7 care professional given you any documentation to
- indicate that your activities should be
- 9 restricted in any way as a result of this
- 10 incident?
 - A. No.
- Q. Do you have any appointments
- 13 scheduled with any health care professional in
- 14 the future in connection with any injury that you
- 15 sustained in this incident?
- Α. I have an option, but I don't think
- 17 I'll take it.
- 0. Presently you have no appointments
- 19 scheduled?

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- Α. Yes.
- Q. Have you sustained any injuries
- 22 since September 2001?
 - Α. No.
 - Have you ever sustained any other $0.9\,$ Q.

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	1 work-relate	d injuries?	- Address of the second	1 A. That was Bristol, Connecticut.
:	2 A.	No.		2 Q. What were the circumstances of that
	g.	Have you ever sustained any other		<pre>3 incident?</pre>
	4 falls as an	adult?		A. Failure to signal.
	5 A.	Yes, I think I was 17 or 18, a guy		5 Q. You didn't signal and got pulled
(kicked a st	aging out and I fell.		6 over?
	Q.	How far?	.	7 A. Yes.
8	а. В А.	Ten feet.		8 Q. A town or a state?
9	Q.	But you didn't sustain any injuries?		9 A. Town officer.
10		I got a scrape on my stomach, it was		10 Q. As a result of that you were charged
	nothing.	1 good a corapo on my occinaony to mas		If and convicted of operating under the influence?
12	•	Have you ever been involved in any	1	12 A. Yes.
	other litig	_		Q. Did you have to serve any time?
14	_	No.	14	
15		Have you ever been in a motor	İ	to course, which was very educational.
	vehicle acci		16	
17		Yes.		-
18		When?	17	
19	_	A little fender bender. I think I	18	in a many and
-		B and the other one I was 22, just a	19	1 901g
	bumper tap.	s and the other one I was 22, just a	20	i and the second
22		Have you ever been a defendant in	21	t in the second
	any litigati	-	22	the state of the s
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24	Α.	6 9	24	7 1
1	Q.	Have you ever been convicted of a	1	1 CROSS EXAMINATION BY MR. RIDER:
2	felony or a	-	2	
3	Α.	Yes.		3 Daniel Rider. I represent Stuart and Mary Rose
4	Q.	When?	- 1	4 Jones, the homeowners in the suit. I just want
5	Α.	I think I was 23. It was a drug	i	5 to clarify your status. When you took on the job
6	charge.		1	6 at the Jones', you were an independent
7	0.	What state?	- 1	7 contractor?
8	Α.	Connecticut.	8	
9	0.	Was it a state charge or a federal	9	
	charge?	nub 10 a boato o,.arge or a reactar	10	
11	A.	I think it was federal.		them at the time.
12	0.	What was the charge?	12	
13	Α.	Attempt to buy crack cocaine.		your status periodically with status from
14	Ω.	You were tried and convicted?	1	employee to subcontractor?
15	Α.	Tried, I guess so, yeah. I went to	15	
		had to pay a fine.	1	
17	Q.	Any other convictions?	1	subcontractor. I was working by the hour and
	-	_	1	then I quit school. My father said, you know, go
18	A. half ago acti	No. Well, I got a DUI a year and a	- 1	to work or go to school one or the other, make a
	•	•	i	choice. So I chose to go to work. And then I
20	Q. λ	A DUI a year and a half two years	1	did work by the hour and I did very well and I
21	Α.	A year and a half, two years. Were you convicted of that?	- 1	did a nice job. The guy said, we'll offer you
	Α	were von convicted of that?	1 22	niere work - So then I started doing the mises
22	Q.		1	piece work. So then I started doing the piece
23	Ā.	Yes.	23	work as a sub.
	-		1	work as a sub.

Right, then they switched over to Α.

1 employee to an independent contractor?

- 3 the metal company and then I went back by the
- 4 hour. Then I worked by the hour for four or five
- 5 maybe eight years, I'm not sure. Then I quit and
- 6 then went with siding and then I went back
- 7 because my father became a salesman. I went back
- 8 to help him out and sub again. The company was
- 9 in a hole. I was doing some jobs cheap. Things
- 10 were starting to go good when I fell through the
- 11 roof and then it changed everything again.
- Q. So the reason for being a -- strike
- 13 that.
- Is there a distinction in your mind
- 15 between a subcontractor an independent
- 16 contractor?
- 17 Α. A contractor you need a license.
- An independent or subcontractor?
- Independent you need a license. 19
- Subcontractor you don't? 20
- No, you go through the license of
- 22 the contractor.
- So when you went from employee to
- 24 subcontractor, was there a benefit to you?

- 1 to be before you got to the project site?
- Yes, basically. My father explained
- 3 to me there was a barn, we're going to do that 4 first and then the main house. He said there are
- 5 a couple of skylights going in and Tom would tell
- 6 me where they were going.
- So you went up there knowing there Q.
- 8 were going to be skylights but not knowing where
- 9 they were, is that what you're saying?
- Α. 10 Right.
- This roofing, this metal roofing, Q.
- 12 it's put on how -- strike that.
- 13 It's not one piece, one sheet of
- 14 metal on the roof cut to fit the roof?
 - A. No, it's in pieces like siding.
- 16 It's exactly like siding, except going from
- 17 bottom to top you go left to right or right to
- 19 Q. So the panels of the siding run
- 20 vertically or roofing run vertically as opposed
- 21 to horizontal?
- 22 Α. Yes.
- 23 Q. How wide were these panels?
- I believe on that house they were 16 $\frac{1}{1}$ 5
- Yeah, I was able to make more money. Α.
- 2 The faster I went, the more I did, the more I'd
- 3 make.
- When was the last time you had been Q.
- 5 an employee of Seamless before this incident?
- Α. I'm not sure, maybe '96, '97.
- So far --Q.
- Somewhere around there.
- Five or six years prior to this
- 10 incident you were a subcontractor?
- Yes, if I went back to get my W2's, Α.
- 12 I could clarify to the exact date.
- Q. So you were a subcontractor working
- 14 under Boland's license?
- Under Seamless Metal Roofing's A. 15
- 16 license.
- And Boland hired Seamless --Q.
- 18 Α. Yes.
- -- to put on a roof? 19
- Α. Yes. 20
- 21 Seamless sent you out to do the
- 22 work?
- Α. Yes. 23
- Q. Did you know what the work was going

- 1 inches, but that machine could go 8 to 12 or 16 2 to 20.
- Q. The machine you're talking about,
- 4 what is that?
- It's a seamless metal machine. It Α.
- 6 comes in a big roll, like a gutter machine. You
- 7 run it through and it forms it. You cut the
- 8 length, whatever you want, 20 feet, 30 feet, 100
- When you put on a roof, is it Q.
- 11 important to know where skylights are going to be
- 12 before you cut the panels for the roof?
- Α. The skylights have to be installed.
- 14 They have to be there.
- Q. When you are cutting the panels for
- 16 the roof, you know how long to cut them?
- Yes, like if I was cutting out the Α.
- 18 windows on the side of the house, the siding,
- 19 same effect.
- The purpose of going up on the roof
- 21 on the day you fell through, the purpose of going
- 22 up with Mr. Boland was what again?
- A. I went up to discus the main roof
- 24 with him. You know, he was going to tell me $\frac{1}{1}$ is

- 1 about the skylights and any other questions he 2 had.
- Q. When you say he was going to discuss 3 4 with you the skylight, what were you anticipating 5 he was going to tell you about the skylights?
- A. Not too much. Basically it was not 7 the skylights really, it was the job in general, 8 if he had any questions.
- Q. It was important to you were the 10 skylights where, was it not, where they were cut
- Α. It doesn't matter to me until when 12 13 they're in. When they're in, I will deal with
- Q. Placement of a skylight on a roof 15 16 from left to right is not important to you as to 17 how easy it is to cut the panels?
- A. Yes, yes, some time you can make 19 sure to make it easier. There are details like 20 that, yes.
- Q. There are railings that abut the 22 skylight, did you discuss that with Boland while 23 you were on the roof?
- A. No, he just told me he didn't put,

- Right about here, right next to this A. 2 door.
- Put a circle around it so it's Q. 4 standing out.
- He pointed across this way. I 6 thought the skylights were the other side, the
- 7 flat section. I thought this section was where
- 8 he was pointing.
- MR. CVEJANOVICH: Can we mark where he pointed to? 10
- MR. RIDER: You can ask. I'm not 11 12 going to.
- (By Mr. Rider) You were standing 13 Q. 14 with Boland when he pointed out where the 15 skylights were going to be?
- 16 Α. Yes, it's on the flat portion of the 17 roof, which looks like it's the porch of the 18 house.
- How did you get up from that spot, Q. 20 did you climb a ladder from the front?
- A. I think it was the backside over 22 here. I came down around this way.
- Q. So the two of you got on the roof 24 from the back of the house, walked to the peak of

- 1 the skylights in yet.
- Which was obvious? Q.
- Yes, because I didn't see them. He 4 didn't tell me they were cut off. He pointed. I 5 got the skylights going over here. I thought it 6 was the big flat part of the roof.
- 7 Q. When you were up on the roof with 8 Boland, where exactly were you?
- 9 A. I believe we were about five feet 10 away from the skylight that I fell through. I 11 can draw you a picture or if you have a picture, 12 I can show you.
- I'll show you a photograph. I think 14 it was Exhibit 1 in Mary Rose Jones' deposition. 15 It's actually one piece of paper with copies of 16 three photographs. Why don't you take a look at 17 that and tell me if those photographs show the
- Sure. We were standing right here 19 A. 20 and he was pointing over here. So I thought the 21 skylights were going on this side, this backside 22 here.
- Q. Why don't you put an X where you
- 24 were standing?

- 1 the house and then down to the flat of the roof?
 - A. He was actually all ready up there.
- You distinctly remember going up
- 4 from the back of the house?
- Yes. I believe that was the same Α. 6 ladder I used later on in the afternoon.
- Q. You thought the skylights were going 8 on the back of the house as opposed to the front 9 of the peak of the house?
 - Α. Yes.
- MR. RIDER: Could you mark this, 11
- 12 please.

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- (Exhibit 1, marked)
- (By Mr. Rider) Do you recall your Q. 14 15 route, the route you took walking from the back 16 of the house over the peak of the roof and down 17 to where you had the conversation with Boland?
- Α. No, I don't. I'm not sure I went 19 across the front or the back. Actually, yes, I 20 did go across the front. Yeah, I walked across 21 the front. There was a big ditch over here I had 22 to go over. That is how I remember.
- I'm sorry. Bad question. I assume 23 Q. 24 you climbed the ladder to get on the roof?

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. When you climbed, do you remember
- 3 the course you took? Just trace it out with your
- 4 finger if you would.
- 5 A. I came this way on the ground, came
- 6 to the backside of the ladder, came around like
- 7 this.
- § Q. So you did or did not cross the peak
- 9 of the roof to get to this spot?
- 10 A. No, I didn't. Can I borrow this?
- 11 Q. I don't want you to --
- 12 A. I was not going to draw. I was
- 13 going to use a finger. See this peek, this is
- 14 the side I came up. I came down this way and
- 15 across the way to Boland.
- 16 Q. You did not cross over the peak
- 17 where the skylights were, this line?
- 18 A. No.
- 19 Q. You've put an X on the location
- 20 where you had the conversation with Boland on the
- 21 middle photograph on Exhibit 2?
- 22 A. Yes.
- Q. Look at the top exhibit,
- 24 photograph, that shows the same roof at a
- 8 1

A. Yes.

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- Q. Which is the general area where the
- 3 skylights actually are?
- 4 A. Correct.
- Q. At that point you didn't ask him or
- 6 you weren't concerned exactly where the skylights
- 7 were going to be?
 - A. No, I told him he needed to install
- 9 them and I'd deal with it at that time.
 - Q. Before you got to the project, were
- 11 you aware there were going to be skylights?
 - A. Yes, my father told me there were
- 13 going to be skylights, yes.
 - Q. And your first day on site was
- 15 September 6th, the day you fell?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. Before September 6th had you talked
- 18 to my clients, the Jones'?
 - A. No.

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- Q. Do you know if anybody at Seamless
- 21 had talked to the Jones'?
- 22 A. I don't know.
- Q. Moffit on this project, the Jones'
- 24 project, he was your partner?
- 8 3

- 1 different angle?
- 2 A. Yes, we would be right about here.
- $\ensuremath{\mathtt{3}}$ So I came down across here and went across this
- 4 way.
- 5 Q. So as you're facing the house, you
- 6 came down the front roof in an area to the right
- 7 of the triangular peak we see?
- A. Right here, exactly.
- 9 Q. And you had this conversation --
- 10 still looking at the top photograph, you had the
- 11 conversation to the left?
- 12 A. Right about here.
- 13 Q. When Boland was telling you where
- 14 the skylights were going to be, he pointed where?
- 15 A. In this direction here. He didn't
- 16 point down. That's why it threw me off because
- 17 he pointed like up over here, kind of had his arm
- 18 up.
- 19 Q. But he pointed to an area to the
- 20 left of the --
- 21 A. Straight across.
- Q. Let me finish so we get a clear
- 23 record. He pointed to an area to the left of the
- 24 peak, the white peak in the photograph?

- A. Yes, we teamed up.
- Q. When you use the word partner, do you mean in a legal sense or he was your equal?
 - A. Legal sense --
- 5 MR. CVEJANOVICH: Objection, calling
 - for a legal conclusion.
 - THE WITNESS: We joined together.
- He's a sub, the sub we joined together and
- 9 split the money.
 - Q. (By Mr. Rider) You were both
- 11 subcontractors for Seamless at that time?
 - A. Yes.
 - Q. Who did you report to at Seamless?
- 14 A. I reported to my father, which was
- 15 the salesman.
- Q. So it was your father who sent both 17 you and Moffit to this job site?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. Did your father split up the work
- 20 that you and Moffit were to do?
- 21 A. No, he let us delegate that.
- 22 Q. His understanding was you two were
- 23 equal, you two figure out who does what at the
- 24 Jones' site?

- Q.
- When you first got on the site on 3 the 6th, what was the status of the barn that was
- 4 to be roofed, how far along was that?
- That was an existing building.
- But that was to be roofed also? 6
- We started off with that, yes.
- Who did that -- when you first got Q.
- 9 to the site?
- We all worked together and did it. Α. 10
- So when you first got to the site on Q.
- 12 September 6th, the barn had not been done?
- Α. Right, exactly.
- You did the barn on one day on the Q. 14
- 15 6th?
- A. No, we finished it the following 16
- 17 day. We started it, got half done, and finished
- 18 the other half.
- When you say we, you and your crew Ο. 19
- 20 and Moffit and his crew?
- A. Right.
- Were there any skylights on the
- 23 barn?
- 24 A.

- No.
- Did you see Boland on this site on 1
- 2 the 6th when you were there?
- A. I believe so, yes. Q. Was the tarpaper on the roof on the
- 5 6th, did you notice?
- I didn't really pay attention that Α.
- 7 well, to give you an honest answer. I'm not
- 8 sure.
- Did Moffit ever discuss with Boland Q.
- 10 the installation of the skylights that you're
- 11 aware of?
- I don't think so. He might have 12 A.
- 13 after the fact of the fall. I wasn't there.
- Q. On the 6th what was your
- 15 understanding of how you and Moffit were to split
- 16 up the work on the main house?
- 17 A. We kind of worked together. You
- 18 know what I mean, we worked together, all
- 19 together as a team.
- O. Was Moffit with you when you
- 21 discussed the roof -- the house roof on the 7th
- 22 with Boland?
- 23 A. No, he was there but not on the
- 24 roof.

- Q. Why did he not join in the
- 2 conversation?
- 3 A. He was finishing the barn with the
- 4 other guys.
- Q. Was it your understanding at that
- 6 point you were going to do the house?
- We were going to do it together on A.
- 8 the 7th.
 - Did you talk to the Jones'? ٥.
- A. I might have. I know I spoke to her 10
- 11 when I fell through the hole.
- 12 Q. Was there a permit necessary for
- 13 this work?
- 14 Α. Yes.
- Who pulled the permit, do you know? Q. 15
- 16 I don't know.
- 17 Q. Did you ever see it?
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- 19 Q. Did you ever see the skylights on
- 20 the job?
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- 22 Q. Who purchased the skylights?
- I don't know. 23 Α.
- 24 Q.
- But Seamless didn't provide -- 8 7
 - No, that was Tom Boland's end. Α.
- I assume, because your first day on 0.
- 3 the site was the 6th, no other Seamless employee
- 4 was on the -- employee or subcontractor was on
- 5 the site before September 6th, is that accurate?
- Not to my knowledge. My father had
- 7 to be. He had to go up there to measure it.
- On the 7th what time do you think 8 Q.
- 9 you and Boland were on the roof?
- Approximately 10 o'clock. I know it 10 A.
- 11 was in the morning sometime.
- What was Boland's job, what was he 12 0.
- 13 doing?
- He built the addition onto the 14 A.
- 15 house, framed it, tarpapered it. Our job was
- 16 strictly the metal.
- Q. While you were on the roof or at any 17
- 18 time on the 6th or 7th, did you have a discussion 19 with Boland about flashing of the skylights?
- Yes, on the 7th. 20 A.
- Q. What was that conversation? 21
- A. He wanted to know if we needed to
- 23 get the kits for it. I told him he didn't need
- 24 to because we make our own flashings.

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- 1 Q. Now flashing is what?
- A. A flashing is like an L-bent piece.
- 3 I believe it goes up four inches and then goes
- 4 out six inches.
- 5 Q. Is there any material -- strike
- 6 that.
- 7 Describe the process of putting in a
- 8 skylight, if you can?
- 9 A. The skylight is there, we take an
- 10 L-bent flashing and put it on the bottom, flap
- 11 the sides up, we put the sides up, flat the top,
- 12 put the top piece on and then flap that down
- 13 because, you know, water runs down, so it's all
- 14 overlapped in the proper manner.
- 15 Q. Is there any, for a lack of a better
- 16 term, gasket needed between the skylight and the
- 17 roof?
- 18 A. We use a G-seal.
- 19 Q. Between the skylight and roof?
- 20 A. They have these little brackets,
- 21 they're screwed.
- 22 Q. Is there any rubber or similar
- 23 material necessary to seal this skylight to the
- 24 roof prior to applying the roofing?
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- 1 me.
- Q. Can you describe Mike Moffit?
- A. What he looks like?
- Q. How old is he?
- A. A couple years older than me, 41,
- 6 42, about 5'10, skinny.
 - Q. Caucasian?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. How tall are you?
- 10 A. I'm 6'2 and a quarter.
- 11 Q. When you went up on the roof a
- 12 second time on the 7th, where was Mike Moffit?
 13 A. He was with me. He was right behind
- 14 me when I went through that hole.
 - Q. He saw you go through the hole?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. Do you know if Mike Moffit had been
- 18 on the roof prior to your falling through it?
- 19 A. He might have. I'm not sure.
- Q. You said you did see the skylights
- 21 on the premises at some point?
 - A. No.
- Q. Never did?
 - A. No, I never did.
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- A. No, just the rubber that is already
- 2 on the skylight that comes when you buy it.
- 3 Q. What was the kit that you say Boland
- 4 referred to?
- A. Yeah, that's a kit that comes for a shingled roof. Instead of a long piece going up
- 7 the side, they have the step flashes that goes up
- the side, ency have the step flashes that goes u
- $\boldsymbol{\vartheta}$ individual shingles. They are like nine inches
- 9 long.
- 10 Q. So a part to the skylight kit or the
- 11 actual skylight glass with a wood or plastic
- 12 frame and flashing?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. No other parts?
- 15 A. No.
- 16 Q. Are you aware if -- strike that.
- 17 After you fell, I think you stated,
- 18 that Mrs. Jones gave you a rag or bandage?
- 19 A. Rag, a kitchen towel, a towel.
- Q. Who else do you recall being in the
- 21 room other than the emergency people that
- 22 arrived?
- 23 A. The crew that was working there with
- 24 me, Mike Moffit, his guys, the guys working with

- MR. RIDER: That's all I have.
- 2 Thank you.

REDIRECT EXAMINATION BY MS. PELLETIER:

- 5 Q. You testified that you think you're
- 6 operating under Seamless Metal's license because
- 7 they have a license and they hired you as a
- 8 subcontractor?
 - A. That's my understanding. I'm not
- 10 sure.
- 11 Q. Is it your understanding that you
- 12 need a license to install a metal roof?
- 13 A. No.
- 14 Q. What are you talking about?
- 15 A. A contractor's license.
- 6 Q. Other than the hunting license,
- 17 which you don't hold any longer, and a driver's
- 18 license, do you hold any other licenses?
- 19 A. No.
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- 20 Q. Is your driver's license valid at
- 21 the moment?

- A. Oh, yes.
- 23 Q. Did you have your driver's license
- 24 suspended as a result of the OUI?
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  5 time?
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                         I required a permit during the day.
  7 So I was legal to drive, I think it was, from
  8 seven -- six to seven Monday through Saturday.
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